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SUBJECT: GERMANY H1N1 FLU UPDATE: 12 CONFIRMED CASES; Bavarian
Authorities Contemplate Vaccination Formulation for fall flu
season

REF: A) Berlin 537, B) Berlin 526, C) Berlin 518, D) Berlin
512, E) Berlin 495, F) Berlin 488

11. (SBU) SUMMARY: The Robert Koch Institute (RKI) today
confirmed another case of A/H1N1 Influenza in Germany,
increasing the total number of confirmed cases to twelve. One
woman from Bavaria tested positive for H1N1 after returning
from Mexico. RKI reports a mild course of the virus in
Germany. END SUMMARY.

Seventh Case of H1N1 in Bavaria

12. (SBU) The National Reference Center for Influenza at the
Robert Koch Institute (RKI) announced in its morning press
briefing May 11 another laboratory-confirmed case of H1N1 for
Germany. This increases the total number of confirmed cases
in Germany to twelve (Refs A,B,C,D,E).

13. (SBU) A 27 year old woman from the Main-Spessart district
in Lower Franconia (Bavaria) tested positive for H1N1 after
returning from a trip to Mexico. RKI report that the woman
stayed in Mexico for several weeks where she cared for
patients with respiratory problems at a hospital. Media
report that the woman had no fever or major problems when she
returned to Germany. Although health official report she has
already full recovered from the virus, she has been isolated
at home as a precautionary measure. This is the seventh
confirmed case of A/H1N1 for the federal state of Bavaria
(other Bavarian cases reported in Refs A,D,E).

Mild cases of H1N1 in Germany

14. (SBU) RKI reported today that none of the A/H1N1 cases in
Germany are considered serious. The course of the virus has
been mild in all twelve confirmed cases. There is no
"immediate threat" for the population, said RKI.

German Infected in the U.S. traveled to Arizona

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15. (SBU) As reported in Ref A, a man from Bavaria tested positive for H1N1 after returning from the U.S., the eleventh confirmed virus case for Germany. ConGen Munich's Post medical advisor Dr. Nikolaus Fruehwein spoke to the Bavarian Ministry of Health and subsequently informed ConGen Munich that the case likely came from Arizona.

16. (SBU) According to Fruehwein the Bavarian Ministry of Health is discussing what vaccine to pursue for the fall - the normal "seasonal" flu vaccine or one for H1N1. A "tetraivalent" vaccine with both antibodies in it would not be possible since the H1N1 is "different" from the other flu strains. He said the incidence of H1N1 cases is decreasing going down. If there is to be a second wave, it would occur within four to six weeks. In general, Fruehwein was "optimistic" that there would be no "second wave."

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